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Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 14-16

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Miss Grimes, Directing.

Horse Show,..... Litchfield and O'Neil, owners
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Greetings to all our friends, especially "The Old Timers," of Momence. We welcome you to come and help us celebrate the three days of the "MOMENCE CENTENNIAL. The days that the people of Momence will never forget. The once in a lifetime.

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"MOMENCE'S CENTURY"



A Pageant Depicting Life on the Kankakee

Arranged and Directed by

Roy G. Hess



PROLOGUE—Father Time turns back the pages of history and conducts a tour thru Kankakee land of yesteryear.

SCENE I

LaSalle and His Followers 1679

Early in December, 1679, La Salle and his men landed on the banks of the Kankakee river near Momence. While here LaSalle

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Momence, Illinois.

"Momence's Century" Continued



got lost in the wilderness and was not found by his men until the following day.

north side of the river and thus acquired fame as the original settler of the present day Momence.

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Interlude I---The Pottawamies 1820

EPISODE I—Indian Council

EPISODE II—Pokagon's Wagon

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Interlude II Indian Retreat 1836-40

EPISODE I—The Last Procession

Thru a series of treaties the Pototawatomies were forced to leave their home on the banks of the Kankakee. Uncle Sid Vail was employed by the government to conduct the Indians to their new home.

EPISODE II—Indian Love Call

SCENE II

The First White Settlers 1834

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The Indian maiden discovers that her consort has been left behind. She leaves the procession and calls to her companion who soon picks her up in his canoe and the two proceed down the Kankakee.

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SCENE III

Pioneer Life on the Kankakee 1835-53

EPISODE I—The First Church—1835-6

EPISODE II—The First School—1837

Lorain Beebe was first school teacher.

EPISODE III—First July 4th Celebration '40

(A)—The promoters of the celebration, Uncle Sid Vail and Judge Orson Beebe

(B)—The Hubbard Vincennes Trail

(C)—The picnic on Island Park

EPISODE IV—The First Postoffice..1841
Uncle Sid Vail was the postmaster. Heber Rexford carried the mail on his back from Chicago to Lorain.

EPISODE V—Survey of the Town Site of Momence 1844

The survey was inaugurated by Dr. Hiram Todd. Joseph Webster of Momence carried the chain and drove the stakes.

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EPISODE VI—The first Sale of Land—1845
Isaac Olds bought the first town lot sold in
Momence. He paid \$30.00 for it.

ceremony, uniting Miss Nancy Scott and
George W. Burr.

EPISODE VII—The Last Dance at Hill’s
Tavern 1850

Interlude III An Old Time Turkey
Shoot 1860

This dance was given in honor of a number
of residents, who were leaving the following
day, under the captaincy of Philip Worcester
for the gold fields of California.

EPISODE VIII—The Gold Rush1850

EPISODE IX—The First Wedding—1853

Reverend Archibald Morrison performed the

SCENE IV

Momence and the Gay Nineties 1891

EPISODE I—Songs of the Nineties

EPISODE II—The Hay Palace.

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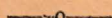
"Momence's Century" Continued



Interlude IV--Momence's Part in the
Civil, Spanish-American, World Wars



FINALE--THE ENTIRE CAST



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Narrators--Roy G. Hess and Gilbert Willis

Assistant Directors--Goldie Goldberg, John Gelineo, Bertha Bydalek, Raymond Mullady, Virginia Sullivan, Casey Canavan

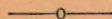
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Brady, Olive Peterson, Katherine Brady, Rena
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Wyant, Eldrid Cantway, Danny O'Brien, Louise
Bukowski, Mary Pinsak, Dorothy Pinsak, Juan-
ita Pinsak, Eleanore McMurrough, Shirley Du
rand, Edith Anderson, Margaret Flowers, Paul
Illum, James Bukowski, Virginia Sullivan, Rex
Vane, William Therien, Lester Therien, Dave
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Vida Crawford, Esther Jensen, Maud Chipman
Marjorie Wheeler, Lottie Chipman, Fay Tru-
deau, Ruby Seibert, Placid Sharkey, Julia Beau
pre, Williard Cromwell, Milton Sherwood, John
Halpin, Delphine Beaupre, Wilmont Tremore,
Mike Sherwood, Blanche Gibson, Esther Jen-
sen, Bertha Bydalek, Jack O'Brien, John Wehr,
Ray Millady, Leo Bukowski, Granville Rowe,
Art Gilliland, Jack Contois, Edmond Jarvis,
Jimmy Wilson, Jesse Wehr, Dell Sherwood,
Florence Hayes, Patricia O'Brien, Frances Wil
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MOMENCE HISTORY

Written in 1925 by Mrs. W. H. Allen



Momence derives its name from an Indian half breed of the Pattawatomie tribe, who inhabited this part of the state. In 1830 the place where our beautiful city is situated was roamed by the Indians and wild beasts. Among the early settlers were Enoch and Asher Sargeant, William Nichols, A. S. Vail, Walter Hess and Thomas Sweeney

But seven log houses were here at that time; the first of them was located near the bridge west of Range Street, now known as Dixie Highway and occupied by Robert Hill kept a tavern, all were built on the river bank

near the water

A. S. Vail built the first school house in the county. The same building is now used as a kitchen on the Vail place, owned by Mark Eyer. Merritt and Wilbur opened the first store in this vicinity in 1838.

The Cantway house, which until a few years ago stood just north of the Wennerholm Bros. garage was the first frame dwelling to be built in the village of Loraine. It stood on River street across from the late Chas. Astle home and was originally a part of the Old Hill

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Tavern. Sargent and Perry built the first saw mill on Strunk's Island, now beautiful Island Park

The first Fourth of July celebration was held in 1837 by 70 people. The speakers were Philip Worcester and Newell Beebe. The next celebration was held in 1840 and it was on this occasion that a large United State flag was displayed, the handwork of Mrs. Simonds and Mrs Metcalf. A crude conveyance was ponstruted by S. G. Chamberlain and Walter Chipman who put boards across a large home made wagon to which was hitched two large red and white oxes, and all the young people that it would hold crowded into it, shouting and waving the flag. The vehicle was driven down the

road, our Dixie Highway and proceeded to the Chipman place, where they had dinner and the speeches were made.

The first doctors were Mazuzan, Land and Lynds. The old dam was built in 1836-37. The first bridge across the Kankakee river was built one mile above the present bridge in 1842 and was known as Hill's Crossing. It was carried away by ice and flood in 1844, rebuilt in 1846 and was again carried away by high water in 1849.

William A. Chatfield built the first grist mill in 1844. W. G. Nichols was the first Justice of the Peace. The first church was built by the Union Hall denomination in 1853. First

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church services were held in the house occupied by Charles Butterfield, or the one just north of it. Rev. Burr did the preaching, made the coffins and buried the dead. The First Baptist church was erected in 1852 and Rev. Storrs was its first pastor. The first Methodist church was built in 1863 on the site of the present church. The first Episcopal church was of frame and was erected in 1870, and it is now in use by the Orange Kist Bottling Works. The present church was built in 1881. It was called the "Pond Lilly Church," because of the many pond lillies having been picked there. The first rector of the church was Rev D. Phillips. The first Catholic church was built in 1887, where the present church stands. Father George Kes

ter was the first resident priest.

The Central School was built in 1872 at a cost of \$20,000.00. The Hay Palace was established in 1890 and 1891. St. Patrick's Academy was instituted in 1906. Range Street was paved in 1907. The Civil War Memorial Monument was unveiled on July 4, 1909. The new home of St. Patrick's church was completed in 1912. The Edward Chipman Public Library was built in 1912.

In 1912 about sixteen patriotic women decided to decorate the triangle in the Central school ground, obtaining the permit from the school board. With the help of many worthy citizens the cannon was mounted and the

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cannon balls with seats donated by the W. C. T. U. members. A tree was planted to the memory of the G. A. R. The triangle was named "Soldiers' Rest."

In 1913 the flag pole in the yard of Momençe Central School was erected. A beautiful

12x16 foot wool bunting flag for especial patriotic days was presented by Mr. D. C. Riker. Each class of the high school planted shrubbery and trees along the curb with the patriotic workers in charge.

Centennial Program

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 14th—

10 A. M.—Celebration starts. City in gala dress. Registration of home comers starts in the Community hall building next to Ganeer town hall

10:30 A. M. Big Parade. Floats decorated cars, band, etc. Assemble on River street and travel around the town

2 P. M. Judges visit prospective oldest houses and business building and make decisions (Judge assemble in Community hall)

3 to 6 P. M Athletic events, entertainment

During the afternoon Girls Glee Club of 60 voices

7 P. M Kittenball game Momençe Buicks vs Kankakee Lassers
Momençe high school athletic field west edge of town

8:30 P. M. Mardi Gras, masked ball on street, dancing and band

Saturday, Sept. 15—

10:30 A. M. Children's Pet Parade
Hobo Band, etc. Starts at the high school

11:30 A. M. Children's Games, etc

2 P. M Foot Ball Momençe versus Watseka High School Alumni at the Momençe High School field

5 P. M. Reception to Old Timers, etc., Community Hall

Afternoon and evening Girls Glee Club Chorus

8:30 P M. Street dancing, Band
Concerts and entertainment

Sunday, Sept. 16th—

Morning—Go To Church Sunday.
Home Comers urged to attend their former church homes

1 to 6 P. M. Family picnics and basket luncheons, etc. Famous Watseka Woman's Chorus, winners of Chicago Tribune musical contest (Business district)

Band concert Kankakee, Momençe and other bands

Tennis—Special matches arranged by Momençe Tennis Club (Island Park)

Indoor Base Ball—Home comers versus Home Towners (Island Park)

7 P. M.—Grand Historical Pageant (East end of Island Park) Including these events from Momençe history:
Landing of La Salle and his men in 1679.

The Pottawatomies in camp 1820

The first white settler 1834

Indian Retreat 1836 to 1840 ..

Pioneer Life on the Kankakee 1835 to 1853. ..

Eight episodes

An Old Turkey Shoot 1860

Momençe in the Gay Nineties 1890

Momençe in the Civil, Spanish American and World Wars

Pageant under the direction of Roy G Hess

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